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TAGS: ETRD, EMIN, JA

SUBJECT: TUNGSTEN - APRIL 4 MEETING OF THE TDB TRADE
AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

REF: STATE 79031

1. SUBSTANCE OF U.S. POSITION ON TUNGSTEN PRODUCER
CONSUMER FORUM (PCF) DISCUSSED WITH SAITO AND KATO OF
MOFA'S RESOURCES DIVISION. SAITO SAID HE COULD NOT
GIVE US A DEFINITIVE GOJ RESPONSE UNTIL HE HAD CHECKED
WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICES. HE SAID THAT OF COURSE
JAPAN AGREES FULLY WITH U.S. POSITION FAVORING PCG AND
OPPOSING ICA. BUT HE QUESTIONED THE POLITICAL WISDOM
OF TAKING SUCH A CLEAR STAND IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING,
FEELING THAT THE PRO-PCF FACTION WOULD BE OUTVOTED ANY-
WAY. HE MUSED THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO AGREE TO JOIN
IN A NEGOTIATING PROCESS, IN ORDER TO APPEAR COOPERATIVE,
EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO INTENTION OF JOINING AN ICA.

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2. WE ARGUED THAT IN THE LONG RUN, IT WOULD BE MORE
POLITICALLY DAMAGING TO ENGAGE IN SUCH A TACTIC, SINCE
IT COULD RAISE FALSE HOPES OR EVEN A PRESUMPTION OF
BAD FAITH. WE POINTED OUT THAT TAKING A FIRM STAND
FROM THE OUTSET OFFERED THE BEST CHANCE OF PERSUADING
OTHERS TO JOIN THE "GROUP OF FIVE" IN WORKING FOR A

PCF.

3. SAITO SAID THAT THEY FELT THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE VERY MUCH DEBATE ON THE PCF/ICA ISSUE AT THE TDB MEETING, SINCE IT IS SCHEDULED FOR ONLY ONE DAY, AND THERE ARE MANY PROCEDURAL ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED. HE PROMISED TO LET US KNOW AS SOON AS HE COULD WHAT THE GOJ POSITION AT THE MEETING WILL BE. MANSFIELD

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